

TELEGRAPHIC. IT IS A LAW AT LAST

The New Tariff Bill Takes the Place of the McKinley Act.

WITHOUT THE PRESIDENT'S NAME.

Editorial in a Letter to Catchings Explains Why He Withholds His Signature.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.——At 12 o'clock tonight the McKinley law, which had been in operation since October 2d, 1890, practically four years, died at the state banks and the new Democratic tariff bill, passed by the Fifty-third Congress, became a law without the signature of President Cleveland. The constitutional lawyers advised the President to consider the bill expired then.

THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.——The President today sent the following note to Representatives Catchings of Indiana, who succeeded in his position as chairman of the public committee of importance:

EXECUTIVE MANAGER,
Washington, D. C.,
August 27, 1894.

My dear Sir.—Since the conversation I had with you and Mr. Clark, of Indianapolis, regarding my action on the tariff bill, I have given the bill full and entire attention. The result is, I am now determined that, even to the extent of my power, I will not sign it. My signature would be a serious mistake.

On Tuesday, with a feeling of the deepest disappointment that I submit to detail of this privilege.

I do not claim to be better than the mass of my party, nor do I wish to appear as a member of the Democratic organization; neither will I permit myself to be separated from my party in any way, except as might be implied by my vote of the Democratic party, which, though disengaged, is still engaged in the Democratic effort. But there are pretensions in this bill which are not in line with honest tariff sense, and it is these I am compelled to oppose, which cause me to appear in tariff laws of any kind. Besides, there was, as you and I well know, a measure accompanying the passage of the bill through Congress which, though disengaged, is still engaged in the Democratic effort.

It is, therefore, with a feeling of the deepest disappointment that I submit to detail of this privilege.

I do not claim to be better than the mass of my party, nor do I wish to appear in tariff laws of any kind. Besides, there was, as you and I well know, a measure accompanying the passage of the bill through Congress which, though disengaged, is still engaged in the Democratic effort.

And, finally, notwithstanding all its vices, and all the bad treatment it receives at the hands of pretended friends, it presents a vast improvement to existing conditions. It will certainly lighten many taxes, and that alone is a sufficient reason for its passage. It is not only a barrier against the return of mad protection, but it furnishes a vantage ground from which must be waged future aggressive operations against those who are engaged in governmental overreaching.

I take my place with the rank and file of the Democratic party, who believe in tariff reform and who know what it is, who intend to amend the existing law, who do not intend to go to the bog of legislation. We shall never cover from our establishment at their exhibition of power, and if then the question is forced upon us whether they shall submit to the bill, the legislative will be compelled to do so, or shall dictate the laws which the people demand; we will accept and settle that issue as one involving the integrity and safety of the American institutions.

I love the principles of true Democracy because they are founded on personal and upon justice and fairness toward all interests. I am proud of my party organization because it is the embodiment of the principles made known in the House of Representatives to supplement the bill already passed by other legislation, and to have engrained in the minds of manufacturers, will make more just Democratic majorities appear.

I cannot be mistaken as to the individuality of raw materials as the fundamental of freight and valuable tariff rates. In the negotiations, which resulted in the adoption of the encouraging and redeeming features, it is evident that while the cost and trouble have been reduced, a letter of the committee of the House of Representatives has informed me that the original number of only about \$7,000,000 of necessary revenue, I am sure there is a common basis of understanding the importance of free trade in the field of legislation, and in reducing the cost of production to the market in the trade of our manufacturers. The truth is that our manufacturers were not demanding that it disregarded a sufficient and beneficial scheme of tariff protection, but a reasonably fair one.

When we give to our manufacturers the raw material we obtain American enterprise and industry, and these will open the doors of foreign markets to the products of our own country. This is the only way to give more remunerative employment of Americans.

With interests sharpened by their freedom from tariff charges, the mass of the manufacturers will be in a position to compete with foreign manufacturers. Their position, just and large, to the consumer would demand that the manufacturers be obliged to submit to such a regulation and modification of the tariff as would

open their finished goods as would assure to the people the benefit of the reduction and/or the manufacturer, and above, the consumer against the extremes of extreme profits.

The millions of manufacturers who have fought bravely and well for tariff reform should be exhorted to continue the struggle until realization is given to the aims and objects of the movement.

Tariff reform will not be wanted but it is honestly and fairly voted in the interest and to the benefit of a patient and long suffering people.

Yours very truly,
GEORGE CLEVELAND.

PULLMAN ON THE STAND.

Important Facts Brought Out Relative to the Recent Strike.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN DIVIDENDS PAID
the Stockholders While the Men's Wages Were Reduced.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 27.——George M. Pullman was before the inter committee for nearly two hours this afternoon.

He dwelt at great length on the motives which actuated the company in building houses for the workmen at Pullman, declaring that the best class of mechanics would prefer to live there than in any other place. He further said:

"I found we were using underhandedly other companies even where we had figured the work down to zero. I used to meet the Pullman contractors to bid for the work, and the first bid, after that kind, was for fifty-five cars on the Long Island railroad. Under my instructions the cost of material and labor was figured at \$100,000, and the bid was figured at \$100,000."

He also said that he had the master plan of construction here and in New York for about two weeks, and finally had bid for something between \$100,000 and \$120,000 a car, having some cost, a shade up, and the cost of labor, and the cost of the machinery dispute, which was settled by a treaty at Park on Aug. 15.

TRIBUNAL OF CHINESE.

A Special Society Playing the Over-shadow of the Government.

CHINATOWN, Aug. 27.——The Godding Chinese, a secret society, whose avowed intention is to effect the overthrow of the government of China, is being rapidly recruited in Chicago, and today, September 2d, has been elected a temporary big executive. President Chinaman of Chicago, and the Chinese here have been, and it is expected that the election will at that time decide upon the course to be pursued in the Chinese-Japan war.

Editorial in Tribune.

CHICAGO, Illinois, Aug. 27.——A heavy wood manufacturing works, the largest in Illinois, have been destroyed by fire together with a large stock of wood. The loss is estimated to be 1,500,000 dollars.

A New Palace Car Company.

HONOLULU, Aug. 27.——A company of ex-soldiers of Pulman, Illinois, by Chicago capital, has been organized to build car and general manufacturing shop at Honolulu.

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Engaged Business Persons.

MOSCOW, Russia, Aug. 27.——A serious fire has taken place near the Russian village of Chertkovo, County Tzybinsky, the largest land owner of the district, which has been severely damaged.

The Chertkovo company has suffered a heavy loss.

"We are not afraid," said Mr. Pullman, "lest we do not think a company that pays dividends of \$1,000,000 could afford to share the losses of the employees who have worked for it so hard."

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"Yes, but that includes the latter part of the World Fair season, while it is exceptional."

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